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EDITOR'S NOTE: HAS PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV'S RECENT THREATS TO THE WEST OVER BERLIN BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY SOVIET TROOP MOVEMENTS? HOW DO COMMUNIST AND WESTERN ALLIED FORCES COMPARE? FRED S. HOFFMAN, AN ASSOCIATED PRESS MILITARY AFFAIRS WRITER, SIZES UP THE SITUATION IN THE FOLLOWING STORY.

BY FRED S. HOFFMAN

WASHINGTON, JULY 7 (AP)—THE REKINDLED BERLIN CRISIS APPARENTLY HAS SPARKED NO SOVIET MILITARY BUILDUP IN EAST GERMANY--AT LEAST NOT YET.

INFORMED SOURCES SAY THAT, EXCEPT FOR NORMAL SUMMER MANEUVERS, THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR RUSSIAN TROOP SHIFTS IN THAT AREA SINCE SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV REOPENED HIS GET-OUT-OF-BERLIN OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE WEST.

THE RUSSIANS ALREADY HAVE A FORMIDABLE FORCE IN EAST GERMANY. ACCORDING TO LATEST ESTIMATES, THERE ARE 20 SOVIET DIVISIONS THERE. RUSSIAN DIVISIONS RUN TO AROUND 13,500 MEN EACH.

IN ADDITION, THE EAST GERMANS HAVE SIX DIVISIONS OF SOMEWHAT DUBIOUS QUALITY. COMMUNIST POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TWO SATELLITES ADJOINING EAST GERMANY, MOUNT 14 DIVISIONS EACH. THESE UNITS ARE BELIEVED BELOW FULL STRENGTH.

THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION THE UNITED STATES MAY SEND ANOTHER DIVISION TO JOIN THE FIVE ALREADY DEPLOYED IN WEST GERMANY, AND PERHAPS TAKE OTHER STEPS TO DEMONSTRATE U.S. DETERMINATION TO STAND FAST ON BERLIN.

FRENCH PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE HAS SAID THAT ONE OR PERHAPS MORE FRENCH DIVISIONS WILL BE BROUGHT BACK FROM ALGERIA. IT IS ASSUMED THAT THEY WILL BE SHIPPED TO WEST GERMANY WHERE THREE OTHER FRENCH DIVISIONS ARE BASED.

AND THERE HAS BEEN TALK THE BRITISH MAY MOVE FIGHTER PLANES, NOW BASED IN ENGLAND, TO WEST GERMANY WHERE THREE BRITISH DIVISIONS ARE POSTED AS THE ARMY OF THE RHINE.

GIVEN HIGH MARKS BY AMERICAN EXPERTS ARE WEST GERMANY'S SEVEN DIVISIONS. BY NEXT YEAR, THE WEST GERMANS EXPECT TO BOOST THIS TO 12. U.S. OFFICIALS QUESTION THE RELIABILITY OF COMMUNIST SATELLITE TROOPS AND SUGGEST THIS MAY PROVE A MAJOR WORRY TO THE RUSSIANS IN EVENT OF AN EAST-WEST TEST OF STRENGTH OVER BERLINE.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE RUSSIANS AND THEIR SATELLITES TOGETHER HAVE BETWEEN 3,000 AND 4,000 COMBAT PLANES IN EASTERN EUROPE, MOST OF THEM FIGHTERS--AND MORE, IF NEEDED, WITHIN REACH IN WESTERN RUSSIA. AMERICAN AUTHORITIES RATE THE RUSSIAN TROOPS IN EAST GERMANY AS WELL TRAINED AND WELL EQUIPPED, PRESUMABLY WITH BATTLEFIELD NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

AS FOR THE SATELLITE TROOPS, THE AUTHORITIES SAID THEY LAG BEHIND THE SOVIETS IN FIGHTING TRIM AND GEAR. ONE SOURCE VOICED DOUBT IT IS SOVIET POLICY TO HAND NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO THE SATELLITES.

THE RUSSIAN AND AMERICAN DIVISIONS ARRAYED IN DIVIDED GERMANY "STACK UP PRETTY EVEN," ONE OFFICIAL SAID. ANOTHER SAID THE BRITISH AND FRENCH DIVISIONS "ARE NOT TOO FAR BEHIND US." AND THE GERMANS, HE ADDED, ARE "COMING UP ALL THE TIME."

THE FIVE U.S. ARMY DIVISIONS IN GERMANY ARE PRIORITY OUTFITS BEING EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST WEAPONS, INCLUDING BOMBARDMENT MISSILES CAPABLE OF DEALING AN ATOMIC BLOW.

THREE ARE INFANTRY UNITS NUMBERING ABOUT 13,700 MEN EACH; TWO ARE ARMORED OUTFITS WITH A TOP STRENGTH OF 14,617.

IT APPEARED LIKELY THAT IF PRESIDENT KENNEDY SHOULD DECIDE TO REINFORCE THESE FORWARD UNITS, A DIVISION MAY BE DRAWN FROM A THREE-DIVISION STRATEGIC FORCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

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BACKING UP U.S. GROUND ELEMENTS IN EUROPE ARE PERHAPS 1,500 AIR FORCE PLANES, AND THE U.S. SIXTH FLEET'S CARRIER-BASED PLANES WITHIN STRIKING RANGE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

THE WEST GERMAN TROOPS, ORGANIZED INTO 10,000-MAN DIVISIONS, ARE EQUIPPED WITH IMPROVED MODELS OF THE U.S.-MADE M48 TANK WHICH MOUNTS A 90 MILLIMETER GUN. IT IS BELIEVED THE GERMANS HAVE SOME 3,000 OF THESE TANKS.

ALSO, THE WEST GERMAN ARMY HAS BEEN GETTING DELIVERIES OF HONEST JOHN BOMBARDMENT ROCKETS WHICH HAVE A 12-MILE RANGE. SHIPMENTS OF THE 75-MILE-RANGE SERGEANT ROCKET ARE EXPECTED LATER. THE UNITED STATES RETAINS CONTROL OF THE NUCLEAR WARHEADS.

THE WEST GERMAN AIR FORCE IS STARTING TO GET 1,400-MILE-AN-HOUR U.S.-BUILT F104 STARFIGHTERS, ALTHOUGH THE BULK OF ITS CRAFT NOW ARE SEVERAL HUNDRED MUCH SLOWER F86S AND F84S, WHICH DO ABOUT 650 MILES AN HOUR.

FRENCH OFFICIALS HERE INDICATED THE FRENCH 5TH ARMORED DIVISION MAY BE THE FIRST TO BE BROUGHT BACK FROM ALGERIA AND PLACED IN WEST GERMANY WHERE IT WAS BEFORE.

FRANCE'S DIVISIONS RANGE FROM 10,000 TO 18,000 MEN, DEPENDING ON WHETHER THEY ARE INFANTRY, MECHANIZED, AIRBORNE OR ARMORED. ONE FRENCH OFFICER SAID "OUR TROOPS IN GERMANY HAVE THE BEST EQUIPMENT WE CAN PROVIDE."

IN ADDITION TO ITS THREE DIVISIONS, BRITAIN HAS IN GERMANY THREE REGIMENTS OF HONEST JOHN ROCKETS AND TWO REGIMENTS OF THE 75-MILE-RANGE CORPORAL BOMBARDMENT MISSILES.

THE SITUATION IN KUWAIT--IF IT CONTINUED TO PIN DOWN BRITISH TROOPS--COULD PUT A CRIMP IN BRITISH CAPABILITY TO REACT TO A HOT WAR SITUATION IN BERLIN. SIMILARLY, DETERIORATION OF CONDITIONS IN ALGERIA MIGHT HAMPER FRENCH PLANS TO REINFORCE ITS FORWARD UNITS IN GERMANY. JK537AED

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LONDON, JULY 7 (AP)—THE LONDON TIMES REPORTED TODAY PRESIDENT KENNEDY IS NOT PREPARED TO GO TO WAR OVER BERLIN IF THE SOVIET UNION SIGNS A SEPARATE PEACE TREATY WITH EAST GERMANY.

IN A COPYRIGHT DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON THE TIMES SAID NEITHER WAS KENNEDY PREPARED TO FIGHT IF EAST GERMANS REPLACE SOVIET OFFICIALS AT HELMSTEDT AND OTHER CONTROL POINTS ON BERLIN'S ROAD, RAIL AND CANAL SYSTEMS.

"NEITHER POSSIBILITY, IT IS BELIEVED, NEED NECESSARILY ENDANGER THE SECURITY OF WEST BERLIN AND ALLIED RIGHTS IN THE CITY, WHICH PRESIDENT KENNEDY IS DETERMINED TO PRESERVE," THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

IT CLAIMED THAT NEITHER DEAN ACHESON'S REPORT ON BERLIN NOR THE ADVICE OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF HAS PERSUADED THE PRESIDENT "TO ESCHEW ATTEMPTS TO NEGOTIATE A PEACEFUL AND HONORABLE SOLUTION . . .

"ESSENTIALLY THE PROBLEM IS NOW SEEN TO REVOLVE AROUND THE DEGREE OF RECOGNITION THAT MAY HAVE TO BE AFFORD TO EAST GERMANY," THE TIMES COMMENTED.

"THERE IS A DETERMINATION, HOWEVER, TO INSURE THAT THE EAST GERMAN REGIME DOES NOT ARROGATE AUTHORITY OR IS EMPOWERED TO UNDERTAKE A LARGER CONTROL FUNCTION THAN THAT ESTABLISHED OVER THE YEARS BY THE SOVIET UNION."

THE TIMES SAID THIS WAS THE CRUX OF THE PROBLEM AND IT WAS NOT EASY TO DECIDE AT THIS STAGE HOW IT SHOULD BE TACKLED. THERE WOULD BE OBVIOUS DANGERS IF IT WERE LEFT UNTIL AFTER THE SIGNING OF A SEPARATE PEACE TREATY OR AFTER SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV OUTLINED ITS TERMS.

"THESE ARE FACTORS THAT STRENGTHEN THE CASE FOR NEGOTIATION," THE PAPER DECLARED.

THE DEGREE OF RECOGNITION TO BE GRANTED EAST GERMANY WILL BE PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S MOST DIFFICULT DECISION, IT SAID.
"THERE IS NO QUESTION OF DE JURE RECOGNITION, AND AT PRESENT THE FEELING HERE IS TO LEAVE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE REGIME WOULD BE RECOGNIZED IN FACT UNTIL THE SITUATION EVOLVED AFTER THE SIGNING OF A SEPARATE PEACE TREATY."

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AMS BUDGET (400)
NIGHT LEAD EAST GERMAN
BY CARL HARTMAN

BERLIN, JULY 7 (AP)--EAST BERLIN'S COMMUNIST RULERS ACTED TODAY AGAINST TWO WESTERN ATTRACTIONS STILL WITHIN REACH OF THEIR CITIZENS --WELL-PAYING JOBS AND ANTI-COMMUNIST RADIO PROGRAMS.

MAYOR FRIEDRICH EBERT'S EAST BERLIN GOVERNMENT WARNED 50,000 EAST BERLINERS WHO WORK IN THE WEST THAT THEY MUST OBEY COMMUNIST LAW. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER THEIR PLACE TO WORK WITH COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES.

THE EAST BERLINERS ALSO WERE TOLD THEY HAD NO RIGHT TO NEW APARTMENTS IF THEY TOOK JOBS IN WEST BERLIN.

THERE ARE PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES, SHORT OF MANPOWER THEMSELVES, WANT TO END THE PRACTICE OF CROSSING THE SECTOR BORDER TO WORK. JOBS IN WEST BERLIN ARE MUCH BETTER PAID THAN IN THE EAST, AND THERE IS MUCH MORE TO BUY.

IT WAS EBERT WHO YESTERDAY TOLD THE RED-RULED PEOPLE'S CHAMBER (CAPS P C) THAT DISORDER IN THE EAST GERMAN SUPPLY SYSTEM IS "IMPOSSIBLE AND UNPARDONABLE."

THE PEOPLE'S CHAMBER--OR PARLIAMENT--ALSO PUT ITS RUBBER STAMP ON A REORGANIZATION OF THE EAST GERMANS' CENTRAL PLANNING SYSTEM, APPARENTLY A RESULT OF THE SHORTAGES. THREE MINOR CABINET MINISTERS LOST THEIR JOBS.

AT THE SAME SESSION, COMMUNIST PAPERS REPORTED TODAY, INTERIOR MINISTER KARL MARON SAID HE WOULD DO AWAY WITH THE U.S. RADIO STATION IN WEST BERLIN--ONCE THE EAST GERMAN LEADERSHIP GETS THE PEACE TREATY THAT PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV HAS PROMISED. THIS POWERFUL TRANSMITTER, OFTEN JAMMED BY THE COMMUNISTS, HAS BEEN HEARD THROUGHOUT EAST GERMANY FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS.

THE MAJOR EVENT OF YESTERDAY'S MEETING WAS A 90-MINUTE SPEECH BY WALTER ULBRICHT, THE EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST LEADER. HE CALLED FOR NEUTRALIZATION OF ALL GERMANY, AND SAID HE WOULD MOVE AGAINST WEST BERLIN WHETHER HE GOT IT OR NOT. BUT HE INSISTED HIS PLANS WERE ALL PEACEFUL, AND THAT HE WOULD NOT FIGHT UNLESS ATTACKED.

IT WAS THE PROMISE OF PEACE THAT THE COMMUNISTS WERE STRESSING TODAY IN REPORTING COMMENTS FROM GERMANY AND ABROAD.

MAYOR WILLY BRANDT OF WEST BERLIN SAW ULBRICHT'S SPEECH AS DESIGNED TO PUSH THE RUSSIANS INTO TAKING A TOUGHER LINE ON THE CITY. HE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE IN BONN ULBRICHT NEEDS TENSION IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES AT HOME.

KHRUSHCHEV HAS SAID HE WILL SIGN A PEACE TREATY BY THE END OF THE YEAR, EITHER WITH BOTH PARTS OF GERMANY OR WITH THE COMMUNIST STATE ALONE. HE SAYS SUCH A TREATY WILL GIVE THE EAST GERMANS FULL RIGHTS OVER LIFELINES TO ISOLATED BERLIN--SOMETHING THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES SAY THEY CANNOT PERMIT.

A WESTERN REPLY TO KHRUSHCHEV IS DUE NEXT WEEK.
ULBRICHT'S COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER, FRIEDRICH BURMEISTER, IN A SPEECH TO THE PEOPLE'S CHAMBER DEFENDED WHAT HE SAID WAS AN EAST GERMAN RIGHT TO CONTROL THE AIRLINES INTO BERLIN. THESE ARE NOW JOINTLY SUPERVISED BY THE SOVIET UNION, BRITAIN, FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES.

PAUL VERNER, HEAD OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY ORGANIZATION IN BERLIN HELD A PEP MEETING FOR COMMUNIST LEADERS TODAY IN A BIG INDOOR HALL. HE PAINTED A BRIGHT PICTURE OF WEST BERLIN AS A FREE CITY. HE PROMISED THAT THE COMMUNISTS WOULD DO NOTHING TO INTERFERE WITH IT.

"CONVERTING WEST BERLIN FROM A FRONT-LINE CITY INTO A FREE DEMILITARIZED AND NEUTRAL CITY," HE SAID, "IS THE ONLY WAY TO GUARANTEE THAT THE WEST BERLINERS WILL NOT LOSE EVERYTHING THEY HAVE DONE FOR THEMSELVES SINCE 1945."

ADN, THE EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY, DID NOT REPORT THAT HE DESCRIBED WHAT THE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE.

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WITH WASHINGTON (A98)

BERLIN, JULY 7 (AP)--KARL MARON, EAST GERMAN INTERIOR MINISTER, SAYS HE WILL OUST THE U.S. RADIO STATION RIAS FROM BERLIN.

RIAS--RADIO IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR--RECENTLY CELEBRATED ITS 15TH BIRTHDAY. ITS POWERFUL TRANSMITTER SENDS PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT COMMUNIST GERMANY, WHICH SURROUNDS BERLIN.

"THE RADIO IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR," MARON TOLD THE SOVIET-STYLE PARLIAMENT IN EAST BERLIN, "MUST DISAPPEAR FROM WEST BERLIN LIKE THE 83 OTHER ESPIONAGE ORGANIZATIONS. THE PEACE TREATY WILL MAKE A REALITY OF THIS DEMAND 16 YEARS AFTER THE END OF THE WAR."

PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV HAS SAID HE WILL SIGN A PEACE TREATY WITH EAST GERMANY BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

FRIEDRICH BURMEISTER, COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER, TOLD THE "PEOPLE'S CHAMBER" HE ALONE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PERMITTING THE USE OF RADIOS BY CIVIL AIRCRAFT FLYING INTO EAST GERMANY. HE DID NOT MENTION WESTERN AGREEMENTS WITH SOVIET RUSSIA ON FLIGHT PATHS TO BERLIN, WHICH CROSS EAST GERMANY. PUBLICATION OF AN EAST GERMAN DECREE LAST WEEK RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE EAST GERMANS--WHOSE REGIME IS NOT RECOGNIZED IN THE WEST--WOULD TRY TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER FLIGHTS TO BERLIN.

MARON AND BURMEISTER'S STATEMENTS WERE MADE YESTERDAY AND REPORTED TODAY IN THE EAST GERMAN PRESS.

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WARSAW, JULY 7 (AP)--THE POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN TRYBUNA LUDU TODAY ACCUSED THE WESTERN ALLIES OF SPEEDING UP THE ARMAMENTS RACE BY PERMITTING WEST GERMANY TO DEVELOP ROCKET RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE NEWSPAPER REJECTED WESTERN ASSURANCES THAT GERMANY'S COOPERATION WITH BRITAIN AND FRANCE ON THE BRITISH "BLUE STREAK" COSMIC RESEARCH PROJECT WOULD SERVE PEACEFUL AIMS ONLY.

"WE DO NOT BELIEVE ONE WORD OF THESE ASSURANCES," THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

IT SAID THE RESEARCH PROJECT WOULD GIVE GERMAN SCIENTISTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN ROCKET TECHNOLOGY IN VIOLATION OF RESTRICTIONS OF SUCH WORK IMPOSED BY THE ALLIES AFTER WORLD WAR II.

TRYBUNA LUDU WARNED THAT THE GERMAN ARMY WILL BE THE FIRST TO BENEFIT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF GERMAN ROCKETRY AND WILL USE ROCKET ARMAMENTS TO INCREASE INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS.

BY CARL FLICK-STEGER

BONN, GERMANY, JULY 7 (AP)--MAYOR WILLY BRANDT OF WEST BERLIN SAID TODAY COMMUNIST EAST GERMAN PARTY CHIEF WALTER ULBRICHT "IS TRYING TO BE MORE RUSSIAN THAN THE RUSSIANS THEMSELVES."

BRANDT TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE ULBRICHT'S SPEECH YESTERDAY BEFORE THE PEOPLE'S CHAMBER (PARLIAMENT IN EAST BERLIN, "IS AN ATTEMPT TO EXERT CERTAIN PRESSURE ON FURTHER STEPS BY THE SOVIET UNION."

HE SAID ULBRICHT'S STATEMENT THAT THE WESTERN POWERS WOULD LOSE THEIR RIGHTS IN WEST BERLIN AFTER A SOVIET-EAST GERMAN PEACE-TREATY IS SIGNED "IS DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO THE SOOTHING ASSURANCE OF THE SOVIET PREMIER."

BRANDT RECALLED THAT PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV HAD INSISTED HE WAS NOT STRIVING FOR A SOLUTION OF THE GERMAN PROBLEM THAT WOULD INJURE THE INTERESTS OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS.

BRANDT SAID IT WAS A NEW ATTEMPT BY ULBRICHT TO PUSH THE SOVIET UNION INTO A POSITION THAT WOULD MAKE IT TAKE UP A TOUGHER LINE.

"ULBRICHT'S STATEMENT IS CHARACTERISTIC FOR SOMEONE, WHO REQUIRES FOREIGN POLITICAL TENSION IN ORDER TO SURMOUNT DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES," BRANDT SAID.

EAST GERMANY IS BESET BY FOOD SHORTAGES AND THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTED REPORTS OF WIDESPREAD UNREST.

IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, BRANDT SAID HE FAVORED A PEACE CONFERENCE OF ALL FORMER ENEMIES OF GERMANY.

"IT WOULD BE ONE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING AWAY FROM THE SOVIET THEM OF A SEPARATE PEACE TREATY FOR EAST GERMANY," BRANDT SAID.

"AT SUCH A PEACE CONFERENCE THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE COMPELLED TO TAKE AN UNEQUIVOCAL STAND TOWARD THE QUESTION OF THE RIGHT OF SELFDETERMINATION."

BRANDT SAID BOTH EAST AND WEST GERMANY COULD BE CONSULTED BEFORE SUCH A PEACE CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE.

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A37WX (NL NUCLEAR BOMBS)
(600) NIGHT LEAD NUCLEAR (SUBS FOR MOSCOW IN BUDGET)
BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, JULY 7 (AP)--THE UNITED STATES ACCUSED RUSSIA TODAY OF OBSTRUCTING NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NUCLEAR TEST BAN AGREEMENT AND TRYING TO BLIND THE WORLD TO ITS TRUE PURPOSE.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE UNITED STATES ALSO CALLED ON THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO REVERSE ITS POSITION AND "JOIN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM IN THEIR DETERMINED EFFORTS TO BRING AN END TO THE TESTING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS."

THERE WAS NO REAL HOPE APPARENT HERE THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD, IN FACT, HEED THE REQUEST AND AGREE TO PUT NEW LIFE INTO THE COMPLETELY STALLED NUCLEAR TEST BAN CONFERENCE AT GENEVA. ON THE CONTRARY, INDICATIONS WERE THAT THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND RUSSIA, WHICH STARTED THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE LATE FALL OF 1958, HAVE ABOUT COME TO THE END OF THE ROAD IN THAT PARTICULAR CONFERENCE.

THE U.S. BLAST WAS PROMPTED BY THE PUBLICATION IN MOSCOW OF A NEW NOTE TO WASHINGTON ON THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR ENDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING. SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV IS INSISTING THAT THE NUCLEAR TEST ISSUE BE MERGED INTO A PROPOSED NEW CONFERENCE ON GENERAL DISARMAMENT. PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAS TURNED DOWN THAT PROPOSITION.

IN THE NEW NOTE, RUSSIA ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES OF TRYING TO "JUSTIFY, IN THE EYES OF PUBLIC OPINION, THE RESUMPTION OF NUCLEAR TESTS" AND OF SEEKING EXCUSES FOR "BURNING THE BRIDGES TO AGREEMENT ON THE PROHIBITION OF SUCH TESTS."

IN ITS COUNTERPUNCH, THE UNITED STATES ACCUSED THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT OF DODGING THE CENTRAL ISSUE. THIS ISSUE, THE UNITED STATES SAID, "IS WHETHER THE SOVIET UNION IS NOW WILLING AND PREPARED TO REACH AN ACCORD WHICH WOULD HALT NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS." THE TWO POWERS THUS APPEAR TO BE ENGAGED IN A CAMPAIGN TO FIX THE BLAME FOR A FAILURE OF THE PROLONGED GENEVA TALKS, THOUGH NEITHER SAYS SPECIFICALLY THAT THE TALKS HAVE COME TO A DEADEND. THE GENEVA CONFERENCE TECHNICALLY STILL IS IN SESSION.

AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUED ITS STATEMENT, SEN. STYLES BRIDGES, R-N.H., TOLD THE SENATE THAT, DURING THE ALMOST THREE YEARS THAT NUCLEAR TESTING HAS BEEN SUSPENDED WHILE THE GENEVA TALKS WERE UNDERWAY, RUSSIA MAY HAVE BEEN GOING AHEAD IN SECRET WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEUTRON BOMB--A COMPLETELY NEW TYPE OF NUCLEAR WEAPON.

THE PROSPECTIVE NEUTRON BOMB IS SOMETIMES CALLED A DEATH RAY WEAPON, SINCE, AS IT HAS BEEN AUTHORITATIVELY DESCRIBED, IT WOULD BE ABLE TO KILL LIVING BEINGS OVER A WIDE AREA BUT WOULD HAVE SUCH A SMALL BLAST EFFECT THAT BUILDINGS WOULD BE LEFT INTACT.

BRIDGES ARGUED THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN NO LONGER DELAY RESUMPTION OF ITS OWN WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT TESTING PROGRAM.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY ANNOUNCED RECENTLY THAT HE HAD ASSIGNED A COMMITTEE OF SCIENTISTS TO PULL TOGETHER ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING RUSSIA'S ACTIVITY, OR LACK OF IT, WITH RESPECT TO SECRET TESTING.

OFFICIALS SAY PRIVATELY THE UNITED STATES IS RELUCTANT TO RESUME NUCLEAR TESTING. OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE THE COUNTRY WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO SEVERE CRITICISM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE SOVIET NOTE WAS PRESENTED TO U.S. AMBASSADOR LLEWELLYN THOMPSON IN MOSCOW WEDNESDAY AND FORWARDED BY HIM TO WASHINGTON.

THE U.S. STATEMENT SAID THAT RUSSIA APPARENTLY IS WORRIED, "AS INDEED IT SHOULD BE, BY THE WORLD'S REACTION TO ITS OBSTRUCTIVE MANEUVERING IN GENEVA."

"ACCORDINGLY," THE STATEMENT SAID, "THE SOVIET NOTE AVOIDS, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF HALTING NUCLEAR TESTS."

"THE UNITED STATES IS CONVINCED THAT THIS TACTIC ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET UNION WILL NOT BLIND THE WORLD TO THE INTRANSIGENCE OF THE SOVIET UNION AT THE GENEVA TEST BAN CONFERENCE.
"THIS LATEST SOVIET NOTE IS A NEW BLOW AT HOPES THAT A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF A TEST BAN AGREEMENT CAN STILL BE REACHED.
"THE UNITED STATES... EMPHASIZES AGAIN THAT THE CONCLUSION OF AN EFFECTIVE TEST BAN TREATY IS A PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT."

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MOSCOW, JULY 7 (AP)-THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TOLD THE UNITED STATES AGAIN TODAY IT WOULD ACCEPT NUCLEAR CONTROL ONLY IF THE WEST ACCEPTS RUSSIA'S PROPOSALS FOR COMPLETE DISARMAMENT.

THE SOVIET STAND WAS REAFFIRMED IN A NOTE HANDED TO U.S. AMBASSADOR LLEWELLYN THOMPSON IN MOSCOW WEDNESDAY REPLYING TO AN AMERICAN NOTE OF JUNE 17. THE SOVIET REPLY WAS MADE PUBLIC TODAY BY TASS.

THE AMERICAN NOTE HAD BLAMED THE SOVIETS FOR THE DEADLOCK IN THE GENEVA TALKS ON A NUCLEAR TEST BAN AND SAID THE UNITED STATES CANNOT CONTINUE TO HOLD TO ITS SELF-IMPOSED BAN ON TESTING.

THE SOVIET NOTE SAID THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HOLDS TO THE MEMORANDUM ON NUCLEAR TESTS BAN AND GENERAL DISARMAMENT WHICH PREMIER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV GAVE PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN VIENNA. THAT MEMORANDUM PROPOSED THAT QUESTIONS OF ENDING NUCLEAR TESTS BE SETTLED JOINTLY WITH DISARMAMENT.

(IN WASHINGTON, STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID THEY WERE GIVING CLOSE STUDY TO THE SOVIET NOTE BUT DID NOT IMMEDIATELY SEE IN IT ANY MARKED CHANGE IN MOSCOW'S DISARMAMENT VIEWS.)

THE SOVIET NOTE ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OF DISTORTING SOVIET PROPOSALS AND ADDED:

"THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS NOW CONCERNED WITH ONLY ONE THING --HOW TO JUSTIFY IN THE EYES OF PUBLIC OPINION THE RESUMPTION OF NUCLEAR TESTS WHICH IS BEING PREPARED IN THE U.S.A. AND WHAT PRETEXT CAN BE FOUND FOR BURNING THE BRIDGES TO AGREEMENT ON THE PROHIBITION OF SUCH TESTS."

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NIGHT LEAD (350)
YUCCA FLATS, NEV., JULY 7 (AP)-MANY AMERICAN SCIENTISTS ARE CONCERNED OVER THE APPARENT EASE WITH WHICH THE DEADLY NEUTRON BOMB COULD BE TESTED SECRETLY.

THEIR MAIN WORRY: THAT RUSSIA WILL DEVELOP THE BOMB WHILE THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR A PERMANENT BAN ON NUCLEAR BLASTS. THAT ACCOUNTS IN PART FOR THE 24-HOUR-A-DAY CONSTRUCTION OF A SPRAWLING COMPLEX OF TUNNELS AT THIS NEVADA TEST SITE. THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION SAYS IT IS PREPARING FOR ANY USE DEEMED NECESSARY IF THIS COUNTRY RESUMES NUCLEAR TESTING.

THERE HAVE BEEN NO NUCLEAR TESTS HERE SINCE THE UNITED STATES VOLUNTARILY SUSPENDED THEM 32 MONTHS AGO. THE RUSSIANS SAY THEY HAVEN'T BEEN TESTING EITHER.

HOWEVER, THE NEUTRON BOMB NOW BEING RESEARCHED COULD EASILY BE TESTED IN SECRET, PARTICULARLY UNDERGROUND, SAY SCIENTISTS. THIS IS BECAUSE THE BOMB WOULD REPORTEDLY INVOLVE ONLY A SMALL NUCLEAR EXPLOSION. THE WEAPON WOULD KILL AND MAIM BY RELEASING A RAIN OF RADIATION POISON, WITHOUT THE SHATTERING, SEARING EFFECTS OF STANDARD NUCLEAR AND THERMONUCLEAR WEAPONS.

THE BLAST WOULD BE MUFFLED BY ITS LOCATION IN A LARGE UNDERGROUND CAVITY, SUCH AS A DEEP SALT CAVERN, EXPERTS SAY. THE SURROUNDING AIR AND EARTH WOULD ASSERTEDLY MAKE IT UNDETECTABLE BY SEISMIC INSTRUMENTS.

THE AEC REFUSES TO COMMENT ABOUT THE NEUTRON BOMB, BUT SPECULATION IS THAT RESEARCH ON IT IS TAKING PLACE AT THE AEC'S RADIATION LABORATORY AT LIVERMORE, CALIF., BIRTHPLACE OF THE HYDROGEN BOMB.

MARVIN MILES, AVIATION-SPACE EDITOR OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, RECENTLY TOURED THE BLEAK TEST AREA 48 MILES LONG AND 28 MILES WIDE. A VETERAN OF MANY OF THE TEST BLASTS THERE, HE SAID IN A STORY PRINTED TODAY:

"MILE AFTER MILE OVER BLISTERING FRENCHMAN AND YUCCA FLATS WE RODE PAST GRIM, SHATTERED EVIDENCE OF ATOMIC FURY LONG GONE--SMASHED BUILDINGS, FIRE-GUTTED TEST STRUCTURES, WRECKED SHELTERS, TWISTED RAILROAD BRIDGES, COLLAPSED UTILITY TOWERS.

"SILENT VICTIMS OF MAN'S QUEST TO LEARN THE POWER OF THE ATOM, STARK AND LONELY, TANGLED WITH TUMBLEWEEDS.

"AT ONE POINT WE WALKED NEAR GROUND ZERO WHERE THE SMOKY (CAP S) BLAST ERUPTED THE VIOLENCE OF 44,000 TONS OF TNT ATOP A 700-FOOT TOWER THAT COST HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

"NO REMNANT OF THE TOWER STILL STANDS, BUT SPEWED ACROSS A GENTLE RISE ARE MASSIVE TORN AND TWISTED SECTIONS OF RUSTED STEEL FLUNG LIKE CONFETTI IN THE WIND, CABLE SECTIONS AS LARGE AS YOUR ARM, SNAPPED LIKE THREAD--A MACABRE PLAYGROUND FOR HEAT-BEATEN JACKRABBITS.

"AND, IN THE BACKGROUND, A HIGH HILL TURNED GHASTLY GREY BY THE HELLISH HEAT OF THE GIGANTIC EXPLOSION."

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WASHINGTON, JULY 7 (AP)-AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF THINKING ABOUT IT, THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA AGAIN ARE READY TO START DISCUSSING A DIRECT COMMERCIAL AIR ROUTE BETWEEN NEW YORK AND MOSCOW.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THE TALKS WILL START IN WASHINGTON JULY 18.

HEADING THE AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS WILL BE JAMES M. LANDIS, PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ADVISER ON REGULATORY AGENCIES AND A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD.

LEADING THE RUSSIAN GROUP WILL BE COL. GEN. YEVGENI F. LOGINOV, BOSS OF SOVIET CIVIL AVIATION AND THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT AIRLINE AEROFLOT.

SITTING IN AS AN OBSERVER WILL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS, WHICH HAS THE CAB'S CERTIFICATE TO FLY TO MOSCOW IF THE ROUTE OPENS UP.

AIR TRAVELERS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA NOW MUST CHANGE PLANES AT INTERMEDIATE POINTS. AMERICANS HAVE BEEN VISITING THE SOVIET UNION AT ABOUT THE RATE OF 15,000 A YEAR ONLY A FEW HUNDRED RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN COMING THIS WAY.

THE SOVIETS HAVE A GIANT FOUR-ENGINE TURBO-PROP AIRLINER, THE TU 114, WHICH IS ABLE TO NEGOTIATE THE NEW YORK -MOSCOW HOP OF ABOUT 5,000 MILES NONSTOP. THE AMERICANS HAVE JETS WHICH CAN GO THE DISTANCE.

THE NEW DATE FOR THE TALKS IS A YEAR TO THE DAY LATER THAN TALKS ONCE SCHEDULED BEFORE. THE JULY 18, 1960, MEETING WAS CALLED OFF BY THE UNITED STATES AT THE LAST MINUTE IN THE WAKE OF THE U2 AFFAIR AND THE SOVIET SHOOTING DOWN OF A U.S. RB47 RECONNAISSANCE PLANE.

U.S. OFFICIALS DESCRIBED THE AIR TALKS AS TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AND DECLINED TO VIEW THEM AS HAVING ANY MAJOR IMPACT ON THE BIGGER COLD WAR POLITICAL ISSUES.

THE IDEA OF A DIRECT NEW YORK-MOSCOW AIR LINK WAS INCLUDED IN A 1958 U.S.-SOVIET CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND AGAIN IN A SIMILAR 1959 AGREEMENT.

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FRANKFURT, GERMANY, JULY 7 (AP)-THE INTERIOR MINISTERS OF THE 10 WEST GERMAN STATES TODAY BANNED AN ORGANIZATION GIVING WEST GERMAN CHILDREN FREE VACATIONS IN THE COMMUNIST HALF OF THE COUNTRY. THEY ALSO AUTHORIZED POLICE TO SEARCH THE GROUP'S SCATTERED OFFICES FOR RED PROPAGANDA.

THE ORGANIZATION, KNOWN AS THE "WORKING COMMITTEE FOR HAPPY VACATIONS FOR ALL CHILDREN," HAS SENT THOUSANDS OF WEST GERMAN YOUNGSTERS TO CAMPS IN EAST GERMANY EVERY SUMMER SINCE 1954.

THE TAB HAS BEEN PICKED UP BY THE "FREE (EAST GERMAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION."

CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER HAS OFTEN COMPLAINED THAT YOUNGSTERS RETURNED FROM SUCH VACATIONS SPOUTING COMMUNISM. HE HAS REPEATEDLY ASKED PARENTS NOT TO LET THEM PARTICIPATE.

THE MAJORITY OF WEST GERMAN PARENTS WHO HAVE ALLOWED THEIR CHILDREN TO VISIT THE COMMUNIST CAMPS SEEM GENERALLY TO COME FROM THE RANKS OF THOSE NOT BENEFITING AS MUCH AS OTHERS FROM

^{FROM COUNTRIES ECONOMIC MIRACLE}
BAD WIESSE, GERMANY, JULY 7 (AP)-THE FORMER GERMAN PRESS SECRETARY OF WEST BERLIN MAYOR WILLY BRANDT AND WARTIME MEMBER OF THE U.S. OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES TODAY DENIED ACCUSATIONS HE GAVE CLASSIFIED INFORMATION TO COMMUNIST AGENTS DURING WORLD WAR II.

DR. HANS HIRSCHFELD, 68, MADE THE DENIALS IN THE WAKE OF REPORTS FROM NEW YORK WHERE A GERMAN-BORN FORMER COMMUNIST, MRS. JOHANNA KOENEN-BEXER, TESTIFIED AT AN ESPIONAGE TRIAL A MAN NAMED HANS HIRSCHFELD WAS ONE OF HER CONTACTS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR SUPPLYING CLASSIFIED INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNISTS.

CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE AT THIS VACATION RETREAT, DR. HIRSCHFELD TERMED THE ACCUSATIONS COMPLETE NONSENSE.

HE SAID HE FIRST HEARD OF THESE STORIES IN 1957, ADDING THEY WERE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST HIM ALONE BUT AGAINST A WHOLE GROUP OF HIS FORMER COLLEAGUES. HE SAID ALL OF THE MEN ARE DEAD, BUT THAT HE IS FIRMLY CONVINCED THEY, WERE INNOCENT.

"AFTER CONSULTATION WITH TOP-RANKING GERMAN AND AMERICAN AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S POLITICAL DIVISION IN BERLIN, I DECIDED TO GO BACK TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE I TESTIFIED IN 1960 BEFORE THE FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF NEW YORK STATE THAT I AM INNOCENT," HIRSCHFELD SAID.

HIRSCHFELD SAID HE HAD NEVER MET MRS. KOENEN-BEXER.

MRS. KOENEN-BEXER TESTIFIED AT THE TRIAL OF DR. ROBERT A. SOBLEN, WHO IS ACCUSED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OF HAVING ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES FOR THE SOVIET UNION FROM 1940 TO 1960. SHE CLAIMED SOBLEN INTRODUCED HIRSCHFELD TO HER AS A CONTACT.

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WASHINGTON, JULY 7 (AP)-PEACE CORPS HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF ROGERS B. FINCH AS ITS DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS, EFFECTIVE AUG. 1.

FINCH, WHO LIVES AT POESTENKILL, N.Y., IS NOW DIRECTOR OF THE RESEARCH DIVISION OF RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AT TROY, N.Y. HI HEADED A SPECIAL TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC AID MISSION TO BURMA IN 1953 AND 1954.

IN HIS NEW POST, HE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PEACE CORPS PROJECTS ADMINISTERED BY UNIVERSITIES. HE WILL SUCCEED ALBERT G. SIMS, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, WHO HAS BEEN SERVING ON A TEMPORARY BASIS TO HELP ORGANIZE THE CORPS.

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SCHWABACH, GERMANY, JULY 7 (AP)-THE TOWN FATHERS OF THIS BAVARIAN VILLAGE ANNOUNCED TODAY THEY'RE MAKING TWO AMERICAN FLIERS HONORARY CITIZENS IN GRATITUDE FOR SAVING SCHWABACH FROM DESTRUCTION IN THE LAST DAYS OF WORLD WAR II.

THE TWO FLIERS ARE COL. CARROL B. MCELROY OF HAZELTON, IDAHO, AND MAJ. JAMES D. HANNON, OF OMAHA, NEB. (STREET ADDRESSES UNAVAILABLE). WHILE STILL IN PRISONER OF WAR UNIFORMS THEY CONVINCED ADVANCING AMERICAN TROOPS THE CITIZENS OF SCHWABACH WERE UNWILLING TO DIE FOR THE THIRD REICH AND WOULD SURRENDER THEIR VILLAGE WITHOUT A FIGHT. MCELROY, NOW STATIONED AT PERRIN AIR FORCE BASE, IN TEXAS, AND HANNON, STATIONED AT RHINE-MAIN AIR FORCE BASE, FRANKFURT, GERMANY, WERE SHOT DOWN OVER GERMANY DURING THE WAR. AFTER SEVERAL UNSUCCESSFUL ESCAPE ATTEMPTS, THEY WERE BROUGHT TO A PRISONER OF WAR CAMP AT SCHWABACH.

WHEN AMERICAN ARMIES WERE A FEW MILES FROM TOWN, THEIR GERMAN GUARDS FLED, LEAVING THEM FREE TO MAKE THEIR WAY AS BEST THEY COULD TO THEIR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN. BUT BEFORE THE TWO LEFT, THE CITIZENS OF SCHWABACH ASSURED THEM THEY WOULD SURRENDER THEIR MEDIEVAL VILLAGE IF IT COULD BE SPARED.

TO GET THEIR WISHES TO THE AMERICANS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, THE TOWN FATHERS GAVE MCELROY AND HANNON A GERMAN ARMY AMBULANCE NAZI TROOPS HAD FORGOTTEN IN THEIR HASTY RETREAT. AFTER MAKING CONTACT WITH U.S. FORCES AND PERSUADING THEM THERE WAS NO NEED TO DESTROY SCHWABACH, MCELROY AND HANNON LED A COMBAT-WEARY INFANTRY UNIT BACK INTO TOWN TO ACCEPT ITS SURRENDER.

THE SCHWABACH CITY COUNCIL HAS SOUGHT THE TWO FORMER PRISONERS SINCE THE WAR ENDED. IT FINALLY LOCATED THEM WITH THE HELP OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE'S EUROPEAN HEADQUARTERS AT WIESBADEN, GERMANY.

HANNON PLANS TO PICK UP THE CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES FOR HIMSELF AND MCELROY TOMORROW.

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